

Appl. No. : 10/720,834
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2006, Applicant submits the amendments set forth above and the remarks set forth below.

Claims 28, 32, 36, 37 and 40-43 Have Been Cancelled

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 29-31, 33 and 38 would be allowed if amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended these claims to place them in condition for allowance. Through these amendments, Applicant does not intend to acquiesce to the rejections of the cancelled claims but intends to pursue additional claims in a continuation application. Allowance of Claims 29-31, 33, and 38 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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